Report on the Committee on DVC fire

2526. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee which enquired into the fire on DVC complex at Durgapur has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that it has recommended the closing down of two generators of 75 MWT each; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c) The Committee has recommended decommissioning of damaged units 1 and 2 of derated capacity of 55 MW each. These units are being dismantled. The question of recommissioning of these units will be considered after the dismantling is completed and the condition of the civil structures and equipment is examined.

Leakage of poisonous gas in coal field

2527. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that leakage of poisonous gas occurred in a coal field under Eastern Coalfields Limited on 21st October, 1986;

(b) if so, how many persons were affected and had to be hospitalised;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there have been complaints of negligence against the management of the unit; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b) The fact of the case is that on 21-10-86, the Colliery Agent, Manager and five workers of the Searsole Unit of Mahabir Colliery under Kunustoria Area had gone to inspect old workings at No. 1 Pit of the Colliery when they felt oxygen deficiency, possibly due to blackdamp, and felt uneasiness. Five workers and the Manager were kept under observation in Company's hospital at Bansra. Four of them were released on the same day while others were released after two days.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Tender for NLC Spreader project

2528. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited, Tamil Nadu has issued a letter of intent for its Spreader Project to a party which had never built such spreaders in the past;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Technical Consultant did not intend to include the same party in the list of suppliers for the second mine expansion project of NLC due to its inexperience in such projects;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and date of issue of such letter of intent and details of other parties from abroad who participated in the tender bid, each party's cost evaluation of the Spreader Project including their Indian collaborators' quotations and the amount of loan provided for the purpose by the KFW-West Germany Government financial agency; and

(d) what further steps are proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) to (d) M/s. MAN of West Germany in collaboration with M/s. W.M.I. Cranes, India were one